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P. O. Box 1450  
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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 1, 2003, please consider the following remarks. A petition for a three month extension of time, a supplemental information disclosure, and a check for the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Response to Restriction Requirement, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

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